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MESSAGE

Please see the attached response to the Requirement for Restriction.

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WAGGONER

Serial No. 09/740,486

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For: CYANINE DYES AS LABELING REAGENTS FOR
DETECTION OF BIOLOGICAL AND OTHER
MATERIALS BY LUMINESCENCE METHODS

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Sir:

RESPONSE

This responds to the Official Action dated February 22, 2002. Restriction is required between six different groups of claims.

Applicant elects Group III, claims 17 to 19. This response is made *with traverse* to the extent that claims 13 to 16 and claim 20 (Group II) should also be examined with the elected claims as the scope of claims 13 to 16 and 20 will fall within the area of search of the elected claims.

Item 7 of the Action argues groups II and III draw to different products, however the cyanine dye of group II falls within the luminescent dyes (inclusive of cyanine) of elected Group III, hence it is not apparent this "difference" is significant, particularly as the cyanine dyes are included in both Groups.

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Responsive to the requirement for election of species in item 11 of the Action, for initial search purposes the specific component is nucleotides (as in the list of components in claim 18) and the specific dye is cyanine dye.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

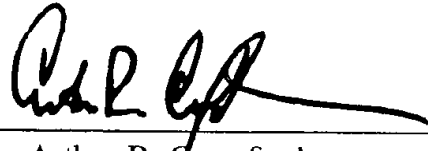
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